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(Sounds of a busy Chinese city)

Finn: I'm Finn, and today in Authentic Real English we're in Feifei's home country – China.

Feifei: Welcome, welcome... what do you think, Finn?

Finn: Well, Feifei, there are so many... skyscrapers.

Feifei: Lots of tall buildings. Impressive, aren't they?

Finn: Absolutely. Look at that one. It's gigantic!

Feifei: 金茂大厦, yes it's pretty gigantic.

Finn: And this one is... enormous!

Feifei: Yes, it is. 东方明珠广播电视塔 is enormous.

Finn: And this one is... ginormous!

Feifei: Gi... what? Finn, you just made that word up!

Finn: No, seriously, ginormous is a word! It's very informal, and means, well gigantic and enormous. Kind of a combination of both.

Feifei: Gigantic, enormous – ginormous. Ginormous 是由 gigantic 和 enormous 组成的一个合成词。你说的很对, 上海国际金融中心巨大无比。

Finn: Can we go to the top of the tower?

Feifei: 当然可以了。利用我们坐电梯的这会儿功夫, 请大家听以下的例句。

Examples

Look at that old mobile phone from the 80s – it's ginormous!

Those carrots are ginormous!

(Lift announcement: top floor)

Feifei: Here we are. Wow, what a view!

Finn: It's incredible, isn't it? Do you know how high up we are?

Feifei: Hmm... I don't know. Let me guesstimate.

Finn: Guesstimate?

Feifei: Oh, you don't know that word – it's a combination of 'guess' and 'estimate'.

Finn: Ah – I see! So how tall do you think this ginormous tower is?

Feifei: About 500 metres?

Finn: Pretty tall! We're high above all the 'smog'.

Feifei: You mean a combination of smoke and...?

Finn: Fog, yes. Actually Feifei, I'm really scared of heights. Shall we go back down?

Feifei: You really are a ginormous coward Finn!

Finn: Yeah, yeah Feifei! Right, let's remind everyone to log on to www.bbcukchina.com for more phrases! Bye.

Feifei: Bye!

(Lift announcement: lift going down)